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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS/LIBYA: RESPONSE ON CHANGE TO LETHAL  
MILITARY EQUIPMENT EXPORTS POLICY

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Classified By: Political Counselor Andrew Schofer, reasons 1.4 (b,d)

11. (S) The GONL appreciates the change in U.S. policy concerning other countries' military exports to Libya, noting the new policy appears "straightforward and unobjectionable."

Emboffs discussed reftel points with MFA Senior Advisor for Arms Control and Export Policy Hajo Provo Kluit on May 31. According to Provo Kluit, the GONL currently does not have significant relations with Libya; most Libyan policy is viewed through the prism of the EU. He explained that EU members such as Italy drive EU policy on Libya primarily due to problems with illegal immigration. Provo Kluit said the Dutch remained concerned regarding Libya's "continued human rights abuses, "troublesome" involvement in Darfur, and Libya's porous border. He questioned whether there was any political significance to the timing of the change in policy, given the USG's recent sanctions against the Sudanese government.

Minimize considered.

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